

Hand to Kew  
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Göttingen, 12 Aug. 1858.

My dear Mr. Asa Gray,

In acknowledging the receipt of both your letters,  
(the letter of 12 July, only received a few days ago), I  
feel much obliged for your kindness to present me  
with the Paris collection, which according to your  
instruction I have got from Mr. Delesert, and I should  
have expressed my deep sentiment of obligation with  
an earlier ~~note~~ <sup>reply</sup>, had I not wished to give you  
an actual sign of my warning in it at the same time.  
Now I send you a list of what I have done till  
now, 46 names of species examined accurately, and besides  
the result of comparison in the Hookerian herbarium,  
containing 80 Monopetalous plants, which however partly  
with <sup>new</sup> confirmation and will therefore be quoted again,  
when I come to those orders, sending you by and by  
the determinations, as they advance. You may expect  
at the end of my investigation all the names of the  
Monopetalous and Monocotyledonous plants, as I see  
them in the Hook. Herb., but as the Wrightian collection  
was already incorporated into the general collection when  
I came to Kew last year, I cannot afford more of  
the Polypetalous and Apetalous than what is contained in  
the Paris set, as I had finished with them in Kew  
beforehand. There will be the question, whether it is  
advisable to send after all those plants of your own  
collection, <sup>for examination</sup> which will not come to my knowledge;  
I am rather afraid of such a double message of tea,  
and at least it cannot be decided upon now, but  
after a great length of time, which is required for

I am obliged to you for the Paris-  
collection - being, that I am returning  
whether they come by Steamer.

P.S. I am glad, to find at last the  
letter, and send Mr. Delesert copy.



my working out the single orders and finishing those, which I have now at hand. I am glad, that Mr. Wright is again going to Cuba, and I hope, that a better luck will put me in possession of his entire, new collection. I calculate, that he might collect safely some more sets; for instance Mr. Turrill, himself desired one of the first collections, and I understand, that if my poor herb was still recovered, he might have my Paris set.

I am very sorry, that, if I will not delay any longer this communication, I must send it off without the copy of your letter, which I cannot find now among my papers. But I recollect perfectly its contents, and perhaps it is not absolutely necessary.

You wrote in a few words, that the chest contained  
 1. The entire collection of Wright's Cuba plants,  
 and 2. A set of Tenore's Venezuela-plants,  
 and then the price was noted separately: afterwards in another letter you stated, that manuscripts of Wright's hand-writing were also in the lost chest.

The original bill of lading, endorsed by Finck & Comp., I enclose. According to what I hear from persons, who are apt to judge on such matters, I am satisfied, that Paulsen will be liable to pay for the lost chest.

*Hibiscus* (*Hibiscus*, *Flacombia* sp. nov. Kth.) I put into the Flacombianum tribe of Jussieu, next to *huanan*. The Jamaican species (*H. nitida* Vahl.) is very variable in the number of flower-<sup>carpels</sup> and other characters, and comprises *Houma cariacae* Poir., *Flacombia elliptica* & *flucosa* Kth., *H. nitida* & *puberula* Walp., *H. Rouma* Clor and *Prockia obovata* Poir. The range of this genus comprises nearly the whole of tropical America (e.g. Spreng 1823). Other species of the genus, distinguished by their inflorescence, are *Flacombia pumifolia* Kth. (Lindl. Columb. 1861), *F. Nutkanitid*, *H. calophylla* Nees (Spreng 1800) and *H. inhamidia* Nees, none of which grows in the West-Indies. - *Thaunthun* and *fastigiatum* Gussone for ever, Dr. Griseb.

I am about to send the next month again a few - please send to her *Flacombia* plants, if there are still left.

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